

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE



DECLARATION
By the
Insurance Commissioner of the State of California

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has proclaimed a state of emergency in various counties in response to the severe winter storms that began on January 3, 2008, bringing extreme wind conditions, unusually heavy rains and high snow levels throughout the state.

WHEREAS, these storms are a "disaster" as that term is defined in Section 1689.14 of the California Civil Code so as to invoke Section 15027.1 of the California Insurance Code.

WHEREAS, significant damage to dwellings and business structures in California has occurred as a result of these storms; and

WHEREAS the magnitude of these storms and the associated insurance claims are likely to create a shortage of qualified insurance adjusters;

NOW, I, STEVE POIZNER, Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 14022.5(a) of the California Insurance Code, **HEREBY PROCLAIM AN EMERGENCY SITUATION** to exist with respect to the adjustment of insurance claims arising from the storms.

THEREFORE, I **AUTHORIZE** insurers and licensed insurance adjusters to utilize certain adjusters in conformity with the requirements of Section 14022.5 of the California Insurance Code, to the extent such use is reasonably necessary in order to adequately respond to the losses arising out of these storms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused my official seal to be affixed this 10th of January 2008.

Signature on file

STEVE POIZNER
Insurance Commissioner